

rooms have turned into makeshift classrooms, and parents have taken it upon themselves to educate their children.

However, as we approach what would be the start of a new school year, new challenges for these families lie on the horizon.

Can parents devote more time to their children's education while maintaining their own job responsibilities?

Madam Speaker, I cannot stress this point enough: we must safely reopen schools so students do not run the risk of falling further behind.

The American people are counting on Congress to act, and we can't wait a second more.

TRIBUTE TO COL. EDWIN DENT
SELBY

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Col. Edwin Dent Selby of St. Petersburg, Florida, a World War II veteran who will be 100 years old on October 16, 2020. He was born in 1920 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where his father, a career Army officer was stationed. He and his brother and sister were raised in many states and the Philippines.

After attending college at the New Mexico Military Institute, he began active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant on December 27, 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His training started on horseback in the Cavalry branch and later transitioned to tanks in the Armor branch. He served over three years in WW II in combat theaters in North Africa and Italy. At one time he was placed in charge of 5,000 German prisoners of war. His outstanding service led him to be assigned to a high level staff position in Italy at the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army (MTOUSA), Allied Force Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command.

Upon his return stateside he met and married 1st Lieutenant Elizabeth Moffat, a U.S. Army nurse. After post war service in Vienna, Austria, he was assigned as a tank gunnery instructor at the Armor school at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1957 he, his wife and four children moved to Taiwan (then Formosa) where he was an armor advisor with the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). While there, his beloved wife became suddenly ill and died. He returned to St. Petersburg, Florida, as a widower with four children 10 and under where he was placed in charge of the Army reserve units on the west coast of Florida. After over 21 years of service he retired as a Colonel in 1962.

Following his retirement, he started Selby Real Estate in St. Petersburg. It was a highly successful brokerage which eventually grew to have 100 sales associates who covered much of Pinellas County. He bought and later personally operated with his wife, Janice, a 100-acre citrus grove in Parrish, Florida, where they grew, sold and shipped worldwide 25 varieties of fruit. He later expanded the grove to include a llama and emu ranch. At the age of nearly 85 he finally retired from his third career to his home in St. Petersburg Beach

where he lives today with his wife Janice. He has enjoyed a fulfilling life of service to others and has lived very active life that included swimming, horseback riding, skiing, tennis, golf and travelling.

I appreciate this opportunity to honor him for his service and wish him a happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOAN DOWD
ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 42
YEARS OF SERVICE TO CATHOLIC
EDUCATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joan Dowd who is retiring from teaching after 42 years of service to Catholic education. Joan was honored with a surprise parade at Holy Rosary School on June 6, 2020.

The daughter of Joseph and Ann Baker, Joan was born on August 22, 1952 in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Committed to her faith from a young age, she grew up attending St. Mary's Assumption Church along with her two sisters, Barbara and Joyce, and she was the third generation in her family to attend St. Mary's Assumption elementary school. Joan went on to study at St. John's High School and at Marywood University.

After graduating from college in 1976 with a degree in health and physical education and a certificate in elementary and special education, Joan was hired as the assistant girls' basketball coach at St. John the Evangelist School. She then went on to coach the girls' basketball team at St. Mary's Assumption, leading her team to a league championship.

Joan began her teaching career as a substitute at St. Anthony's School in Dunmore. In 1978, she returned to her alma mater, St. Mary's Assumption, where she taught second grade for the next 33 years. In addition to teaching her students the traditional school subjects, she helped them grow in their faith and guide them through receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joan devoted her time to the school community by volunteering for committees and extra-curricular activities, including the school's forensics team.

When St. Mary's Assumption closed its doors in 2011, Joan was undeterred and remained committed to Catholic education. She accepted a new post as the second-grade teacher at Holy Rosary School in Duryea, Pennsylvania. During her tenure as an educator, she taught generations of students and fostered lifelong relationships with her students, their parents, and her colleagues.

Joan lives in Pittston with her husband, Michael and dog, Charley. They have two sons, Kevin and Brian and one grandchild, Rory.

It is an honor to congratulate Joan on her retirement after 42 years of teaching in the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic school system. As an educator, her commitment to her students and school community was unmatched, and under her tutelage, her students received a first-rate education while learning many important life lessons. I wish her a restful and enjoyable retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEWIS
MERRIMAN BUTTERY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Lewis Merriman Buttery of Lampasas, Texas, who passed away on 20 December 2008. Lewis Buttery was born on 20 March 1924 in San Angelo, Texas, to Albert James and Dorothy Hoss Buttery.

On his 18th birthday, just 3 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he attempted to enlist in the United States Navy. He had hoped to join his older brothers in service—one, an Army artillery officer, and the other, a naval aviator. Unfortunately, Lewis was denied enlistment at that time due to health issues.

This denial only strengthened his resolve to serve his country. Each month he attempted to enlist until he was finally accepted and sworn in on 20 October 1942.

Lewis was called to Active Duty in June of 1943 and was sent to the University of Texas to continue pursuit of his engineering degree. He was later sent to Midshipmen School at Columbia University in New York. In March 1944, Lewis was commissioned as an ensign and ordered to San Francisco to complete gunnery school.

He was ultimately assigned to *USS Patrol Craft Escort 880* in Adak, Alaska, as a gunnery officer.

In preparation for the invasion of Japan, his ship was converted into a weather ship, and he became the areological, (weather) officer. The ship was transferred to the Marshall-Gilbert Islands area to transmit weather observations and to guide Army Air Corps bombers which were preparing the way for the invasion of Japan. The invasion did not occur due to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, after which Japan quickly surrendered.

Prior to being released to Inactive Duty in the Ready Reserve in July 1946, he became the executive officer of the ship and was promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

Lewis was called back to Active Duty in June 1950 at the start of the Korean war, but his orders were canceled before he could reach his ship in San Diego. Ultimately, Lieutenant Buttery received an honorable discharge in 1954.

Following World War II, Mr. Buttery came home and finished his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He also married Virginia Kerzee in Limestone County, Texas, raised a family, and had a successful career.

Lewis was also a student of maps and cartography. Prior to the war in 1941, he completed courses in surveying and mapping at Texas A&M University and continued that avocation through the rest of his life. During his extensive work-related travels, Mr. Buttery collected numerous atlases and maps, which he and his wife later donated to the University of Texas at Arlington's Cartographic History Library.

He was a founding member of the Texas Map Society and author of numerous monograph and facsimile portfolios devoted to early Texas. One of his works, entitled, "Regional Maps of Texas: 1720–2001; Region 1 North

Texas," contains many valuable insights about the mapping history of large portions of Texas. The maps that he and Virginia donated and the works that he published will continue to educate future generations interested in cartographic history.

He was very proud of his time in the Navy and believed that it molded and shaped him throughout the remainder of his life. In recognition of this, the "Navy Hymn" was solemnly played at his funeral.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Lewis Merriman Buttery.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country in these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us, and the first responders who protect us at home.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE KENNETH NESTANDE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Bruce Nestande, who passed away at the age of 82 on July 9, 2020. Bruce was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, an honorable veteran and an esteemed community leader. He will be deeply missed.

Bruce was born and raised in Minnesota and as a child developed a love of baseball. A gifted athlete, Bruce nearly turned his hobby into a career when he was drafted to the Kansas City Athletics. He decided not to sign with the team and instead enrolled himself in the Reserve Officers' Training Program at the University of Minnesota. Bruce graduated with a degree in economics and following graduation continued his studies in Quantico, VA at the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School.

After his time in Quantico, Bruce was deployed to Southeast Asia and upon return was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA. This sparked Bruce's love for California, the state that would be his home for the next 50 years. After his service in the military, Bruce began to work in politics. He served as a special assistant to Governor Ronald Reagan and later went on to run for elected office. Bruce was elected and served in the California State Assembly from 1974 to 1980, where he championed a diverse set of issues from land use to public safety. In 1980, Bruce was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors where he was a leader on projects that led to the construction of Orange County's toll roads and the maintenance of Riverside County's Prado Dam.

Politics was Bruce's greatest hobby and political discussions ran through the Nestande household constantly. His children were well versed in policy issues from a young age and two even went on to follow his footsteps into politics. As a political leader in California, Bruce garnered respect across both sides of the aisle, willing to come together with Democrats to find common ground whenever possible. Even those in Sacramento he consistently sparred with had an unwavering respect for Bruce.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bruce through his service to Southern California and can personally attest to his numerous achievements and the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, a true patriot, an esteemed leader, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Pamela, to their children, Brian, Gabrielle, and Francesca, his siblings Jim and Linda, his grandchildren, and the rest of his family and friends. Bruce was preceded in death by his son Barry, and I find comfort in knowing the two of them have been reunited. Although Bruce may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON H.R. 7512

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of letters on H.R. 7512:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairwoman, Committee on House Administration,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN LOFGREN: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 7512, a bill to rename the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards as the House Communications Standards Commission and for other purposes. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

In the interest of permitting your Committee to proceed expeditiously on this bill, I am willing to waive this Committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill, the Committee on Oversight and Reform does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name Members of this Committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective Committees.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY,
Chairwoman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.

Hon. CAROLYN B. MALONEY,
Chairwoman, Committee on Oversight and Reform,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN MALONEY: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 7512, the "Communications Outreach Media Mail Standards Act," or the "COMMS Act." This bill was referred primarily to the Committee on House Administration, with additional referrals to the Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Rules.

I recognize that this bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the

Committee on Oversight and Reform. I appreciate your Committee's willingness to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7512 and acknowledge that this discharge is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Oversight and Reform over this subject matter and will not prejudice your Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees if this were to be necessary.

I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 7512.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairperson.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RULES,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairwoman, Committee on House Administration,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRWOMAN LOFGREN: This is to advise you that the Committee on Rules has had the opportunity to review the provisions of H.R. 7512, the "Communications Outreach Media and Mail Standards Act" or the "COMMS Act," that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction. I appreciate your consultation on this shared issue.

In order to expedite consideration of this legislation, the Rules Committee has no objection to this legislation proceeding without delay. Importantly, the Rules Committee does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the provisions in this bill or their subject matters.

Please place this letter into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for your cooperation and work on this important matter that is shared between our committees.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. MCGOVERN,
Chairman, Committee on Rules.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, July 24, 2020.

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Chairman, Committee on Rules,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

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I recognize that this bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules. I appreciate your Committee's willingness to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7512 and acknowledge that this discharge is not a waiver of future jurisdictional claims by the Committee on Rules over this subject matter and will not prejudice your Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees if this were to be necessary.

I would be pleased to include your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 7512.

Sincerely,

ZOE LOFGREN,
Chairperson.